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Applicants: Liu *et al.*

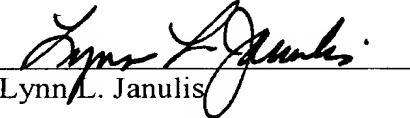
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF DECEMBER 10, 2003

Sir:

This amendment is timely filed along with a petition for a one-month extension of time and the appropriate fee in response to the Office Action of December 10, 2003. Should any additional fee be deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any such fee from Marshall, Gerstein & Borun deposit account number 13-2855.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the following amendments and remarks. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin at page 2.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.